[Mr. A. C. Kuriakose.]

(*b*) whether it is a fact that when sanction to build churches is applied for, agreements are taken from the applicants to the effect that no cemetery will be opened without sanction;

(*c*) whether there is any circular demanding such an agreement; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to lay a copy of the circular on the table?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) the authority under which such a circular was issued; and

(*b*) whether any such agreement for previous sanction is insisted upon in the case of non-Christian burials?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) Construction of cemeteries alone in non-municipal areas does not require Government sanction, but when they are attached to places of public worship sanction of Government is necessary under Section 182 of the T. P. C. and Government Notification R. Dis. No. 241/30/Mis., dated the 17th March 1930 published at page 532 of Part I of the *Government Gazette* dated the 18th March 1930.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) All the Dewan Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam, have been asked by Government to get agreements from the applicants that cemeteries would not be attached to places of public worship without the previous sanction of Government.

(*d*) A copy of the letter * is laid on the table.

(2) (*a*) Royal Proclamation, dated the 13th Vrischikam 1074, and Section 182 of the T. P. C.

(*b*) Yes.

Deepening the tanks in the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks.

352. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been devoted to the question of deepening the tanks which have been silted up and which have been originally used for purposes of irrigation in the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Burial of dead bodies in the mosque compound at Muvattupuzha.

353. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they first demanded the petitioners who applied for sanction to build a mosque in the town of Muvattupuzha to write down that they should not bury dead bodies in the mosque compounds;

(*b*) whether the first application for sanction was rejected, as the people refused to agree to such condition;

(*c*) whether the matter was again brought before Mr. Watts, the then Dewan;

* *Vide* Appendix XLV—page 930.

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